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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
Veronique ROULIER, et al. : EXAMINER: WELLS
SERIAL NO.: 09/555,523 :
FILED: SEPTEMBER 15, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1617
FOR: STABLE OIL-IN-WATER EMULSION, PROCESS FOR
MANUFACTURING IT AND ITS USE IN COSMETICS
AND DERMATOLOGY

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 17, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Thrice Amended) An emulsion comprising an oily phase dispersed in an aqueous phase, characterized in that the globules of the oily phase have an average size of less than 20 microns and are monodispersed, in that the oily phase constitutes at least 15% by weight relative to the total weight of the emulsion, in that the fatty substances in the oily phase consist essentially of oils and in that the aqueous phase contains at least one copolymer consisting of a major fraction of monoolefinically unsaturated C₃-C₆ carboxylic acid monomer or its anhydride and a minor fraction of acrylic acid fatty-chain ester monomer, and in that it is free of surfactant.

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oil phase
globules < 20µm
at least 15%
C/E oils
copolymer
major
free of surf.